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C O N F I D E N T I A L MADRID 1356

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TAGS: MILI, SP

SUBJECT: SPANISH C-212 TRANSIT THROUGH ASCENSION ISLANDS

REF: (A) USDAO 3/0637-76 (NOTAL) (B) CSAF 202240Z FEB 76

(C) JACCC 210614A FEB 76 (D) ASCENSION 2022110Z FEB 76 (E) JACCC

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1. REFS A, C AND E REQUESTED CLEARANCE FOR SPANISH C-212 TO  
TRANSIT ASCENSION ISLAND ENROUTE VENEZUELA 24 FEB 76. REFS B AND D  
REPORTED AUTHORIZATION NOT POSSIBLE UNLESS AIRCRAFT DESIGNATED  
STATE AIRCRAFT BY GOS OR OPERATED ON BEHALF OF SPANISH FORCES  
FOR OFFICIAL PURPOSES.

2. AS REF B FURTHER STATES , INITAL UK APPROVAL WAS BASED  
ON EARLIER US APPROVAL ERRONEOUSLY GRANTED.

3. WHAT IS LEFT UNSAID IN MESSAGE TRAFFIC IS FACT SPANISH  
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AUTHORITES FIRST SOLICITED CLEARANCE FROM UK (AIR ATTACHE

MADRID) 22 DEC 75. FAVORABLE REPLY RECEIVED FROM UK AIR ATTACHE 21 JAN 76. BASED ON FAVORABLE REPLY, SPANISH AUTHORITIES MADE EXTENSIVE PLANS INCLUDING FLIGHT DEMONSTRATION IN VENEZUELA AND OFFICIAL RECEPTION PLANNED 2 MARCH 76 TO WHICH SENIOR GOV AUTHORITIES ALREADY INVITED.

4. ALTHOUGH NOT CLEAR IN JACCC MESSAGES (REFS C & E), SPANISH HAVE DECLARED AIRCRAFT AS STATE AIRCRAFT.

5. SPANISH HAVE PROCEEDED WITH PLANS BASED ON INITIAL US/UK APPROVAL TO TRANSIT ASCENSION, HOWEVER ERRONEOUSLY GRANTED. AIRCRAFT NOW IN SENEGAL. TO CANCEL TRIP NOW WOULD ENTAIL CONSIDERABLE EMBARRASSMENT FOR SPAIN VIS-A-VIS VENEZUELA AND WOULD ALSO ENTIAL SIGNIFICANT EXPENSES.

6. THEREFORE, STRONGLY URGE WE ACCEPT THEIR DESIGNATION OF C-212 AS STATE AIRCRAFT AND ALLOW TRANSIT OF AIRCRAFT THROUGH ASCENSION ISLANDS ON 24 FEB 76.

7. SINCE TIME SO SHORT PLEASE REPLY IMMEDIATE OR VIA TELEPHONIC MEANS (US EMBASSY MADRDI 276-3600 EXT 414) WITH INFO TO ASCENSION /CC.

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